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FOR AMBASSADOR CARTER

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT TOLBERT VISIT: BRIEFING THE LIBERIANS

REF: MONROVIA 6513

1. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS BY IMMEDIATE CABLE ON SUGGESTION THAT WE ARRANGE BRIEFING FOR PRESIDENT TOLBERT IN DEPARTMENT AT ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEVEL. BRIEFING WOULD SUMMARIZE US FOREIGN POLICY IN GENERAL, AND EXPLAIN OUR ANALYSES OF SOME CURRENT TRENDS OF INTEREST TO TOLBERT E.G. SOVIETS IN AFRICA AND CHINA AFTER MAO. OBJECT OF BRIEFING WOULD BE TO DEMONSTRATE OUR WILLINGNESS TO SHARE OUR VIEWS ON MAJOR WORLD EVENTS WITH OUR OLDEST FRIEND AMONG AFRICAN NATIONS. IF FEASIBLE, THE BRIEFING WOULD BE SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, AT 10:00 A.M., AND LAST ONE HOUR.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS SOONEST AS TO PROBABLE LIBERIAN REACTION TO THIS PROPOSAL, AND SUBJECTS TOLBERT MIGHT FIND MOST INTERESTING. DO NOT REPEAT NOT RAISE WITH LIBERIANS AT PRESENT. ROBINSON
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